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SUBJ: HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE QUESTIONS ON
THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE

REF: STATE 38083

1. REFTEL PARA 1-(1). INDIVIDUAL STATEMENTS ON CONTACTS OF
MISSION PERSONNEL WITH THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE PRIOR TO NOVEMBER
18, 1978, BEING HAND CARRIED TO WASHINGTON WITH DELIVERY TO
ARA/CAR MCCOY EXPECTED FEBRUARY 22.

2. A. REFTEL PARA 1-(3). REGARDING MINOR CHILD DANA

GRIFFITH, THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATIONS ARE RELEVANT:

77 STATE 303126 AND 303147; 77 GEORGETOWN 3322* 77 STATE
309694; 78 GEORGETOWN 0034 AND 0232; DEPT LETTER (CA/SCS)
OF JANUARY 25, 1978 TO

GUYANESE IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES, HOWEVER,
STATE THAT THEY HAVE NO RECORD OF DANA GRIFFITH'S ENTRY INTO
GUYANA, ALTHOUGH IMMIGRATION RECORDS SHOW THAT THE OTHER
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FAMILY MEMBERS ARRIVED ON AUGUST 11, 1977. THE PASSPORTS OF
THE GRANDPARENTS, EMMET AND MARY GRIFFITH, NOW IN THE DEPART-
MENT, MAY YIELD FURTHER INFORMATION.

3. REFTEL PARA 1-(4).A. LEGAL ARRANGEMENT UNDER WHICH
PEOPLE'S TEMPLE OPERATED IN GUYANA: THE EMBASSY WAS NOT AWARE
OF THE PRECISE DETAILS OF THE LEASE WHICH THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE
HELD ON JONESTOWN, ALTHOUGH FORMER CONSUL MCCOY HAD BEEN
TOLD BY TEMPLE MEMBERS THAT A FORMAL COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT
WAS BEING CONSIDERED WHEN HE ENQUIRED ABOUT PUBLIC REPORTS
OF APPLICATIONS FOR GUYANESE CITIZENSHIP BY TEMPLE MEMBERS.

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L/ARA HAS COPIES OF THE OFFICIAL GUYANESE DOCUMENTS PERMITTING THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE TO SETTLE IN GUYANA.

B. THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA INFORMED THE EMBASSY PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 14 THAT THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE MEMBERS ENJOYED THE SAME RIGHTS TO PRIVACY AS DO OTHER GUYANESE RESIDENTS. THE GUYANESE GOVERNMENT THEREFORE STATED IT WOULD NOT UNDERTAKE TO FORCE THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE TO RECEIVE VISITORS IT DID NOT WISH TO RECEIVE.

4. REFTEL PARA 1-(5). THE GUYANESE POLICE RECEIVED 303 PASSPORTS FROM JONESTOWN, AND TURNED THEM OVER TO THE EMBASSY. THE EMBASSY IN TURN FORWARDED THEM TO THE DEPARTMENT (CA/PPT/L). IT IS THE EMBASSY'S RECOLLECTION THAT THESE PASSPORTS INCLUDED TWO BRITISH HONDURAN (I.F., BELIZE) AND ONE BRITISH PASSPORT, BUT THIS CAN EASILY BE CHECKED IN THE DEPARTMENT. BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION WAS PROVIDED XEROX COPIES

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OF BIO PAGES FROM THESE PASSPORTS.

5. REFTEL PARA 1-7: THE EMBASSY HAS NO FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE OF THE FOREIGN TRAVEL OF EITHER THE REVEREND JIM JONES OR MR. TIM STOEN. JONES' PASSPORTS DATING BACK A NUMBER OF YEARS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE DEPARTMENT, HOWEVER, AND MAY OFFER SUCH INFORMATION. A SPECIAL EDITION OF THE GEORGETOWN "CHRONICLE" OF DECEMBER 6 ON THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE, HAS ARTICLES DEALING WITH JONES' STAY IN BRAZIL AND WITH A PROPOSED TRIP TO CUBA WHICH HE POSSIBLY MADE IN OCTOBER, 1976. THE DEPARTMENT HAS COPIES OF THIS "CHRONICLE" SPECIAL EDITION.

6. REFTEL PARA 1-(8). THE EMBASSY HAS NO RECORD OF EVER RECEIVING A REPORT OF US CUSTOMS INSPECTION OF ANY SHIPMENT TO THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE IN GUYANA.

7. REFTEL PARA 1-(9). GUYANA AIRWAYS CORPORATION (GAC) RECORDS SHOW THAT THE GAC TWIN OTTER AIRCRAFT WHICH WAS SENT TO PICK UP THE CONGRESSIONAL PARTY AT PORT KAITUMA ON NOVEMBER 18 LEFT GEORGETOWN'S TIMEHRI AIRPORT AT 1552 HOURS NOVEMBER 18 AND ARRIVED AT PORT KAITUMA AT 1647 HOURS LOCAL TIME. (DCM DWYER'S REPORT AND OTHER PUBLISHED REPORTS REFLECTING AN EARLIER ARRIVAL TIME OF THE AIRCRAFT AT PORT KAITUMA ARE APPARENTLY IN ERROR.) THE SINGLE ENGINE CESSNA AIRCRAFT

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ARRIVED IN PORT KAITUMA AT THE SAME TIME. THE ATTACK ON THE CONGRESSIONAL PARTY TOOK PLACE APPROXIMATELY A HALF HOUR LATER. AT APPROXIMATELY 1800 HOURS PRIME MINISTER FORBES BURNHAM TELEPHONED THE AMBASSADOR AND REQUESTED THAT THE AMBASSADOR COME IMMEDIATELY TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S GEORGETOWN RESIDENCE. AT APPROXIMATELY 1815 HOURS EMBASSY SECOND SECRETARY JOSEPH HARTMAN, WHO EARLIER IN THE DAY HAD HELPED TO ARRANGE FOR THE CHARTER OF THE CESSNA, WAS TELEPHONED BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OWNER OF THE AIRCRAFT AND INFORMED THAT

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THERE HAD BEEN A SHOOTING INCIDENT AT THE PORT KAITUMA AIRSTRIP ABOUT WHICH HE HAD HEARD FROM A CIVIL AVIATION OFFICIAL. MR. HARTMAN IMMEDIATELY CALLED CONSUL DOUGLAS ELLICE AND THEN WENT TO MR. ELLICE'S HOUSE, APPROXIMATELY 150 YARDS FROM HIS OWN. HE INFORMED MR. ELLICE OF THE TELEPHONE CALL. MR. ELLICE IMMEDIATELY TELEPHONED THE AMBASSADOR BUT THE AMBASSADOR HAD ALREADY LEFT TO GO TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S RESIDENCE. SECOND SECRETARY PETER LONDONO WAS AT TIMEHRI AIRPORT TOGETHER WITH HFAC STAFF MEMBER MR. JAMES SCHOLLEART TO MEET THE DELEGATION UPON ITS RETURN FROM PORT KAITUMA. HE WAS INFORMED BY THE AIRPORT AUTHORITIES AT APPROXIMATELY 6:15 PM THAT A SHOOTING HAD OCCURRED AT PORT KAUTUMA AND THAT THE AMBASSADOR WAS AT THAT MOMENT ON HIS WAY TO MEET WITH THE PRIME MINISTER.

AFTER RECEIVING AN INITIAL BRIEFING FROM THE PRIMIN ON THE SHOOTING AT PORT KAITUMA AS WELL AS WHAT THE JOG PLANNED TO DO TO GET SECURITY FORCES INTO THE AREA, THE AMBASSADOR WENT DIRECTLY TO THE CHANCERY, ARRIVING AT 7:55 PM ACCORDING TO THE LOG BOOK OF THE MARINE SECURITY GUARD, AND DICTATED 73 GEORGETOWN 3774 WHICH WAS SENT AT 2030 HOURS LOCAL TIME.

THE AMBASSADOR ALSO PLACED AN OVERSEAS CALL TO ASHLEY HEWITT, THE DIRECTOR OF ARA/CAR. THE CALL COULD NOT BE COMPLETED IMMEDIATELY SO THAT WHEN THE AMBASSADOR LEFT THE CHANCERY TO RETURN TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S RESIDENCE AT

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8:30 PM HE INSTRUCTED HIS SECRETARY TO READ HEWITT THE TEXT OF THE MESSAGE WHEN THE CALL CAME THROUGH. THIS WAS DONE AT APPROXIMATELY 8:40 PM. AT 2250 HOURS LOCAL 79 GEORGETOWN 3775 WAS TRANSMITTED WHICH CONTAINED AN UNOFFICIAL LIST OF THE PASSENGER MANIFEST CONTAINING THE NAMES OF THOSE WHO ACCOMPAINED CONGRESSMAN RYAN ON NOVEMBER 17. AT 0015 HOURS LOCAL 78 GEORGETOWN 3776 WAS TRANSMITTED, CONTAINING THE SECOND REPORT OF THE AMBASSADOR WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM THE PRIME MINISTER'S RESIDENCE WHERE THE AIRCRAFT CREWS OF THE OTTER AND CESSNA WERE BEING DEBRIEFED. THE PILOTS REPORTED THAT CONGRESSMAN RYAN AND MEMBERS OF THE NBC CREW HAD BEEN KILLED. AT 0715 HOURS LOCAL ON THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER 19 POLICE COMMISSIONER BARKER TELEPHONED THE AMBASSADOR AND CONFIRMED

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THE DEATHS OF CONGRESSMAN RYAN, NBC NEWSMEN HARRIS AND BROWN AND ONE UNIDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPHER, WHICH INFORMATION WAS TRANSMITTED IN 78 GEORGETOWN 3778 AT 0805 HOURS LOCAL. THE POLICE COMMISSIONER CALLED AGAIN LATER IN THE MORNING TO ADD THE NAMES OF GREGORY ROBINSON AND MRS. PATRICIA PARKS TO THE LIST OF DEAD, WHICH MESSAGE WAS TRANSMITTED AS 79 GEORGETOWN 3779 AT 1150 HOURS LOCAL TIME.

8. REFTTEL PARA 1-(10). IN ADDITION TO THE VISITORS CITED IN THE JONESTOWN GUEST BOOK ALREADY PROVIDED TO THE COMMITTEE, THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS ARE ALSO KNOWN TO HAVE VISITED JONESTOWN: GOG CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER; GOG MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FRED WILLS AND MINISTER OF EDUCATION VINCENT TEEKAH; GOG NORTHWEST REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER; BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER GAUTREY; CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GUYANA; GOG PERMANENT SECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS; GOG ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF NATIONAL SERVICE; GOG NORTHWEST REGIONAL MINISTER; A DR. ALBERT GREENFIELD; ATTORNEY CHARLES GARRY; GUYANESE DENTAL SURGEON DR. NG-A-FOOK; THE REVEREND AND MRS. JOHN MOORE (WHOSE TWO DAUGHTERS

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PERISHED ON NOVEMBER 19 AT JONESTOWN); GOG PERMANENT REP TO THE UN RASHLEIGH JACKSON BEFORE HIS APPOINTMENT AS MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

9. REFTTEL PARA 1-(11). THE WEAPONS RECOVERED FROM JONESTOWN WERE ENUMERATED BY FBI LEGAL ATTACHE [REDACTED] ON TEMPORARY DUTY IN GEORGETOWN. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THIRTY TWO WEAPONS, INCLUDING ONE SIGNAL FLARE PISTOL, WERE RECOVERED BY THE POLICE AT JONESTOWN WHICH TOGETHER WITH THE PISTOL ALLEGEDLY TAKEN AWAY FROM MR. LAWRENCE LAYTON BY MR. DALE PARKS AT PORT KAITUMA ON NOVEMBER 18 COMPRISE THE THIRTY THREE WEAPONS NOTED IN CHAIRMAN ZABLOCKI'S LETTER. IN ADDITION TO THESE, TWO WEAPONS WERE SEIZED BY THE POLICE IN PORT KAITUMA FROM MESSRS. TIM AND MICHAEL CARTER AND MICHAEL PROKES. THE GUYANESE POLICE HAVE INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT THEY HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY OTHER WEAPONS AT JONESTOWN.

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